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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-5

Part B. for March 1911.

SUBJECT.

Enhancement of the rate of duty on ~~Ganja~~ and the fixing of the minimum ~~retail~~ selling price of Ganja.

1. From the Excise Comr in Mysore.
No. 5852 d. 17. 1. 11
Requests Sanction to enhance the duty on Ganja from Rs 5/- to Rs 7-8-0 per Seer of 80 Tolas from the next official year and suggests that the minimum selling price may be fixed at 2 as a Tola with the option of this rate being raised by the Vendor, if necessary

2 G. R. S. 58 From the F.A. Resident, No. 521 d 30/1/11.
Forwards for information the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Madras, Sanctioning the enhancement of the duty on Ganja.

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Year as the Madras Govt have adopted this higher rate from the 1st April 1911. ~~He has also~~

2. He has also suggested that, instead of a fixed sale price of 2as a tola which is in vogue at present, this rate may be fixed as the minimum price with power to the vendor to raise the same if he chooses.

3. The Excise Commr thinks that equality of rate both in Madras & Mysore is desirable and gives the analogous case of opium in support of his proposal.

Subd for orders.

2 Nr. 83. 30/1/11.

From The Hr Resident No: 521 of 30/1/11. Forwards for information the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Madras, sanctioning the enhancement of the duty on ganja from Rs 5 to Rs 7/8/- and requests to be informed if a like enhancement will be sanctioned by the Govt.

4. The proposals made in the letter under disposal regarding the enhancement of the duty and the fixing of only the minimum price as in Madras may be agd

attention is also invited to the letter from the Resr on the same subject — kept below in a separate file.

Sec'y 3/4/11

5. Yes, please put up draft approving

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6. The same point is under consideration in a representation from the Excise Commr. The letter may be kept in that file.

Orders of Govt. awaited.

Mr. 83.
31/1/11.

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7 Papers submitted to Govt. for orders

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8 The rates on ganja & majum were enhanced in 1907. The Excise Commr makes no mention of the letter in the paper under disposal and perhaps purposely. Two drafts are put up

Mr. 83
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3.	To The Excise Commr in Mysore. The Comptroller & Govt. & The Dy Commrs of Dts. No: 7L4311-20 of 22/2/11. Sanctions the enhancement of the Duty on Ganja to Rs 7/8/- per seer of 80 Tolas and the fixing of 2 as a Tola as a minimum selling price.
4.	To the First Asst to the Honble the Resident No: Pol 773. of the 22/2/11 Forwards a copy of the above for information.
5	From the First Asst to the Honble the Resident No: 1218 of the 24/2/11 Forwards a copy of the notification viz the revised Duty on Ganja to Rs 7-8-0 per seer from the 1st April 1911. Subd. No further action is necessary. May the file be recorded? Yes 17.3.11

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OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

No 5852
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Bangalore, dated..17.th..January.1911.

From

H. H. Sparkes, Esquire,

Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Offg: *Secretary to the Government of*
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith copy of the letter No. D.1718/Abkari. dated 23rd December 1910, received from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Madras, intimating the enhancement from the 1st April 1911, of the duty on charas, Ganja and Bhang and suggesting a corresponding enhancement in this State and also a copy of my reply thereto.

2. In Mysore, the rate of duty on a seer of Ganja of 80 tolas is R$.5/- and in addition R$.1-4-0 is levied towards the cost of the drug. Thus while the retail seller pays to Government R$.6-4-0, he has to sell the same to the public for R$.10/-, or in other words at 2 annas a tola, making a profit of R$.3-12-0. Out of this, he has to meet the shop rent for the right of vending the drug as determined in the auction sales. These selling prices are fixed and cannot be raised or lowered by the Vendor. But in Madras the duty on Ganja at present is R$.5/- as in this State and no retail selling prices are fixed beyond a minimum which is at 2 annas a tola. It is left to the discretion of the Vendor either to sell the drug at this minimum rate or to raise the same.

3. The Madras Government have, with effect from the 1st April 1911, enhanced the duty on Ganja from R$.5/- to R$.7-8-0 and with a view that no smuggling into or out of Mysore takes place desire that

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From

H. H. Sparkes, Esq^re
Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundram Iyer, Esq^re B.A
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Depts.

Dated 17th January/10

Despatched .

Received

General No. 5752

Enclosure No. 2

SUBJECT.

Requesting to obtain the orders of Government in the matter of enhancing the duty on Ganja from Rs 5/- to Rs 7-8-0 a seer with effect from the next official year and to fix the minimum selling price at 2 as a tola — agreeably to the practice in Madras —

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rate of duty be similarly enhanced to Rs.7-8-0. No doubt equality in the rates on both sides is desirable in the interests of both the Governments. I would, therefore, request that you will obtain the sanction of Government to ennance the duty on Ganja to Rs.7-8-0 a seer with effect from our next official year.

4. With the rise in the rate of duty, the retail selling price is also to be raised in order to allow a fair margin of profit to the Vendor. But by fixing the retail selling price as at present there is a fear of this drug being smuggled from the Madras Presidency where there is no maximum price and where the Vendors might in order to make good sales, prefer to sell at lower rates than what are -- charged by our vendors. I would suggest the fixing of the minimum price which may be at the present rate of 2 annas a tola and the -- vendor may raise this rate, if he chooses but that he should not lower the minimum rate. Since the same procedure is in vogue in Madras, I request that you will kindly obtain the orders of Govern--ment in this matter also. In the case of opium also, Government have, in their Proceedings No. Fl 2878-87 / S.R.172-09 dated 15th December 1910 ordered the minimum prices being fixed with effect from the 1st July next.

5. The enhancement of duty may to some extent effect the shop rentals under Ganja during the ensuing sales, but against this we may expect a corresponding rise under Duty, which is the main factor of Excise Revenue.

6. Under these circumstances, I solicit early orders of -- Government in the matter, on receipt of which the necessary draft Notifications will be submitted for the approval of Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Excise Commissioner.

Copy of letter No.D 1718/ Abkari, dated 23rd December 1910 from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, abkari, and separate Revenue, Madras, to the Excise Commissioner ~~of~~ in Mysore, Bangalore.

I am directed to inform you that the Madras Government have in their order No.4048 Press, Revenue, dated 19th December 1910 enhanced the duty on Charas, Ganja and Bhang to Rs.12/-, Rs.7-8-0, and Rs.3-0-0 per seer, respectively with effect from 1st April 1911 and to suggest that it is desirable to effect a corresponding enhancement in the Mysore State so as to avoid - smuggling from and into Mysore.

(True Extract)

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for Excise Commissioner.

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Copy of letter No.5434, dated 6th. January 1911 from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.

With reference to your letter No.D.No.1718/Abkari, dated 23rd December 1910 intimating the enhancement from the 1st April 1911 of the duty on Charas, Ganja and Bhang and suggesting a correspond-ing enhancement in this State so as to avoid smuggling from and into Mysore, I have the honor to state that no preparation of Charas or Bhang is allowed in Mysore. As regards Ganja, our pre-sent duty on a seer of 80 tolas is Rs.5/- and the fixed selling price is Rs.10/- per seer or 2 annas a tola, which allows the vendor a profit of Rs.3-12-0 after paying Rs.1-4-0 towards the cost of the drug. The question of enhancing our duty to keep it on a par with your rate will be submitted to Government and their reply will be communicated.

Further I may mention that since our official year does not close till the 30th June 1911, no alteration in our rates can be made till then.

"Copy"

Ramanna

for Excise Commissioner.

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No. 521 / Encl 1

FROM

P. B. WARBURTON, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

SR 1112-10 & no. 2

Dated Bangalore, 30th January 1911.

SIR,

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With reference to the correspondence ending with this office endorsement No.3264, dated 31st May 1909, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Durbar, a copy of the Proceedings of the ~~Government of~~ Board of Revenue, Madras, No. 1723/278, dated 23rd December 1910, sanctioning the enhancement of the duty on ganja in the Madras Presidency from Rs. 5 to Rs.7-8-0 per seer with effect from the 1st April 1911.

2. The question of similarly enhancing the duty on --- ganja in the Station from 1st April next is now under consideration, and the Resident will be glad to be informed, as early as possible, whether the Durbar are prepared to sanction a like enhancement of duty in the Bangalore City and in other parts of the Mysore State.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

K.M.
30.1.11.

P. R. B.—21-1-1911.—2,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

SEPARATE REVENUE.

Press R.No.1723/278, Abkari, dated 23rd December 1910.

The Hon'ble Mr. J. Twigg,

Ag. 1st Member, Board of Revenue and Commr. of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Read again the following Boards Proceedings R. No.1609-Abkari, dated 28th November 1910:-

Resolution:-

With reference to G.O. No.1587-Revenue, dated 14th May 1910, the Board begs to report that the duty on ganja may be raised from Rs.5/- to Rs.7-8-0 per seer with effect from 1st April 1911, as the revenue derived from rentals has steadily increased since 1906-1907, while that realised from duty has fallen. The Deputy Commissioners and the majority of the Collectors who were consulted are in favour of an enhancement in the existing rate of duty. The Collector of North Arcot does not, however, advocate any increase as he thinks that, so far as Vellore and Chittoor circles are concerned, there will be considerable risk of smuggling from Mysore, if ganja is sold at 2 annas a tola in that territory as at present. As the Mysore Government have assimilated their ganja administration to that existing in British territory, the Board presumes that they will be willing to raise the duty and the retail price of ganja to a level with those in British territory and proposes to consult them in the matter.

2. As regards bhang, the Board considers that the enhancement of duty from Re.1/- made with effect from 1st April 1910 has not had the desired effect. The issues of bhang from the Duggupad Storehouse during the first 7 months of the current official year are higher than the quantity consumed during the whole of 1907-1908 and almost equal to that of last year. The Board apprehends that there is growing tendency on the part of shop keepers to adulterate ganja with bhang and sell the mixtures as ganja and that it is necessary

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raise the duty on bhang simultaneously with that on ganja. The Board, therefore, recommends that the duty on bhang may be enhanced from Rs.2/- and Rs.3/- per seer with effect from 1st April next. The duty on charas may also be raised proportionately from Rs.8/- to Rs.12/- per seer, though it is not yet at present either manufactured or consumed in this Presidency.

Read the following G.O.Press No.4048-Revenue, of 19-12-1910.

Read the following papers:-

Again G.O. No.1587-8, dated 14th May 1910.

" 2229, dated 5th July 1910.

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), R. No.1609-Abkari, dated 28th November 1910.

From the Government of India No.8820-24-28-Excise, dated 8th December 1910 suggesting that the duty on charas may be raised in this Presidency to Rs.12/- per seer from the first April 1911.

ORDER:-

The Board's proposal to raise the duty on ganja, bhang and charas to Rs.7-8-0, Rs.3-0-0 and Rs.12-0-0 respectively per seer, with effect from 1st April 1911, is approved. The following notification will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION.

Under Section 17 of the Madras Abkari Act I of 1886, and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that, from 1st April 1911, duty on intoxicating drugs shall be levied at the following rates in supersession of those --

prescribed

prescribed in the Notifications* specified in the margin:-

Charas	12-0-0	Per seer of 80 tolas.
Ganja	7-8-0	
Bhang.	3-0-0	

*No.34, dated 4-1-06 published on page 58 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 9-1-1906.
No.347, dated 9-8-1906 published on page 868 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette D/14-8-1906.
No.54, dated 19-1-1910 published on page 107 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette, D/25-1-1910.

2. In view of the -- danger that the enhancement of duty may tend to increase smuggling and illicit manufacture of ganja, the Government desire strongly to impress on the Board the need for vigilance on the part of the Salt and Abkari officers in the prevention of such offences.

3. The following letters will be despatched to the --- Government of India and to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

(True extract)

(Sd.) L. M. Wynch,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

Resolution:-

Communicated to all Collectors for information.

2. The fact that the duty on ganja, bhang and charas will be raised by 50% i.e., Rs.7-8-0, 3/-, and 12/- per seer respectively from 1st April 1911 should be published in the District Gazettes and announced to all intending bidders for ganjā shops at the ensuing sales. Collectors are also requested to notify to those bidders and applicants for ganja wholesale depôt licenses for the ensuing lease that unpressed ganja will not be issued to any of the Districts in the Presidency with effect from 1st April 1911. The stock of unpressed ganja in the Duggapad Storehouse on that date will be destroyed under rule 13 of the intoxicating drugs rules.

3. Collectors are requested to see that the stocks of ganja and bhang remaining at the several wholesale depôts in their districts on the evening of the 31st March 1911 are sealed and that the difference between the existing and future duty is levied thereon. The instructions in para. 130 of the Excise Manual in regard to country spirits should as far

far as possible be followed in the case of ganja and bhang.

4. The attention of all Deputy Commissioners is specially drawn to para. 2 of the G.O. last read above, in regard to the need of vigilance on the part of the local officers in the prevention of smuggling and illicit manufacture of -- ganja.

(True Extract).

(Sd.) F. G. A. Thompson

Assistant Secretary.

27.12.1910.

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C o p y.

R. S. Trumbiah

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Mysore Resident's Office.

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30.1.11.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 2884 / 3054

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue 22 Feby 11

Signed by W Ariyagowda

READ-- Letter no. 5852 dt the 17/1/11 from the Excise Commr in Mysore, recommending the enhancement of the duty on ganja from Rs5/- to Rs7/8 per seer of 80 tolas with

~~ORDER THEREON.— No.~~

effect from the next official year and the fixing of the rate of the minimum selling price of the drug at 2 annas a tola on the ground that the Madras

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SUBJECT.

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Govt have issued orders introducing these rates from the 1st April next and stating that the assimilation of the rates prevalent in this State with those in the Madras Presidency is desirable to prevent the smuggling of the drug from and into the State

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Order thereon
No 3E 4311-20 dy 22nd February 1911

The Govt approve of the Excise Commrs proposal to bring the retail price of ganja and the duty on it to a level with the rates prevailing in the Madras Presidency and accordingly direct that the duty on ganja be raised to Rs 7/8 per seer of 80 tolas and the minimum selling price be fixed at 2 annas per tola from the next official year.

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The Comptroller to Govt
The Dy Commrs of Dts
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Diary No. of letter replied to 2884 & 3054

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Secret

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The J. A Resident in Dyaro

Date of issue 22-2-1911.

Signed by

Mr. C S Balasundaram Ayr

Sir,

Adverting to your letter no 521 dt 30/1/11 regarding the enhancement of the duty on ganja, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Durbar

over.

SUBJECT.

approving of the en-
hancement of duty
to Rs 7/8/- per seer of
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List of enclosures,

one Copy of the G.O.
(to the other Depts).

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THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

NOTIFICATION

No. 4 dated Bangalore the 24th February 1911.

Under Section 13 of the Excise Act, 1896 (XII of 1896) as applied to the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, the Resident in Mysore with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, is pleased, in supersession of Notification No.2, dated the 7th January 1908, to impose a duty of Rs.7-8-0 per seer on ganja or any preparation or admixture thereof, imported into the said Station on or after the 1st April 1911.

By Order

Sd/ P B Wainwright

First Assistant Resident.

To

The Publisher, Gazette of India, for publication in part II of the gazette.

No. 1217 & 2

Copy of the foregoing Notification is forwarded to the Collector, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore for information.

*with copy of Durbar's letter No.773, dated 22nd Feb. 1911, and its enclosure.

Sd/ P B Wainwright

First Assistant Resident.

Copy of the foregoing notification is forwarded to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for information with reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Pelladarem Iyer's letter No.773-Pol., dated the 21st February 1911.

Sd/ P B Wainwright

First Assistant Resident.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Financial (Separate Revenue), dated 22nd February 1911.

READ—

Letter No. 5852, dated the 17th January 1911, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, recommending the enhancement of the duty on ganja from Rs. 5 to Rs. 7-8-0 per seer of 80 tolas with effect from the next official year and the fixing of the rate of the minimum selling price of the drug at 2 annas a tola on the ground that the Madras Government have issued orders introducing these rates from the 1st April next, and stating that the assimilation of the rates prevalent in this State with those in the Madras Presidency is desirable to prevent the smuggling of the drug from and into the State.

No. FL. 4311-20—S. R. 112-10-4, DATED BANGALORE, 22ND FEBRUARY 1911.

ORDER THEREON.—The Government approve of the Excise Commissioner's proposal to bring the retail price of ganja and the duty on it to a level with the rates prevailing in the Madras Presidency and accordingly direct that the duty on ganja be raised to Rs. 7-8-0 per seer of 80 tolas and the minimum selling price be fixed at 2 annas per tola from the next official year.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Excise Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Exd.—C. R.